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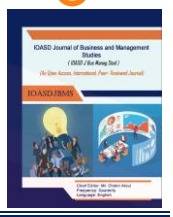

# Of Attention

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## ABSTRACT

If someone gives attention to someone from near and far the target person can realise it through sixth sense. The peculiar matter is that the target person looks at the enchanted soul after sometime of gazing. Attention reaches its goal through eye contact. Views are exchanged as desired. Thus, the circle is complete. They say the language of eye is deeper and appealing as well than speaking. Where word ends silence begins its operation. This is the outcome of attention. Every lover uses this tool to exchange their consent. It is the secrecy of attention rather than secret attention.

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## INTRODUCTION

Creative writing is based more on manifestation rather than on expression. It does not inform, rather it reveals. So, it bears no reference. The best creative writing is critical, and the best critical writing is creative. This article is an outcome of thinking about creative writing meant for a general readership. As such, I have adopted a free style methodology so that everyone can enjoy the pleasure of reading. As you might know, Francis Bacon (1561-1626), the immortal essayist, wrote many essays namely 'Of Love', 'Of Friendship', 'Of Ambition', 'Of Studies', and so on. The multiple-minded genius correctly pointed out that all the words of the dictionary can be used as themes for essays. But little has been done since his death to continue or finish his monumental task. Bacon's unique individual style of presentation ignited my imagination and encouraged me to write creative essays as a method of relieving a wide range of emotions through catharsis.

## ARTICLE

Attention means notice taken of someone or something regarding of someone or something as interesting or important. For example: He drew attention to three spelling mistakes.

- It is the action of dealing with or taking special care of someone or something. For example: Her business needed her attention.
- It is the act or state of applying the mind to something. For example: Our attention was on the game.
- It is a condition of readiness for such attention involving especially a selective narrowing or focusing of consciousness and receptivity. For example: Students, do I have your attention?
- It is observation. It is notice. It is, especially, consideration with a view to action e.g., a problem requiring prompt attention.
- It is an act of civility or courtesy especially in courtship. For example: She welcomed his attentions.
- It is sympathetic consideration of the needs and wants of others. For example: She lavished attention on her children.
- It is a position assumed by a soldier with heels together, body erect, arms at the sides, and eyes to the front. For example: The troops stood at attention (US). The troops stood to attention (British).
- It is often used as a command.

Attention is very important to achieve anything in every sphere of life from cradle to coffin. A fickle-minded person has no aim. As such he can realise his ambition never. Only a wise knows it seldom a fool.

Attention is the chief ingredient of a student to build his career. It has no substitute. It itself is its substitute. With superficial involvement nothing can be achieved. Then it is merely wastage of time, energy and money as well.

It is the key tool of an ambitious soul. Through attention everything can be achieved. Without it nothing can be obtained.

All things should not be equally treated. It should be cared as per importance. There is gradation. As such attention should be paid as per status of the concerned thing or person in question.

There are two types of persons. The first category finds mistakes through attention and rectifies the wrongs immediate to avoid loss and future complicacy. The second category does not take corrective measure. He simply ignores the fault. He avoids. For this callous attitude he faces serious mishaps later on. As such they say," A stitch in time saves nine".

A wise knows which one to be cared for and which one is to omit. Thus, he earns benefit in both the ways. A fool knows it not. It cares unnecessarily which one needs not care so much and cares not which one to be cared for seriously there by loses doubly. Thus, he wastes valuable time of life. Ultimately, the net outcome becomes zero.

In fact, tact of omission is an art. All are not artist. All cannot be artist. All are not destined to be artist. Only few know it. More few can hold it for long. This answers why we notice few successful persons around us.

"Strike the iron when it is hot", is a great saying of practical importance. Due and timely attention are very important. In mathematics necessary and sufficient are two conditions of assumption. If due is necessary then timely is sufficient condition. Both are complementary to each other. Any one out of the two conditions cannot bring the desired result.

A student must pay attention to his studies. If he becomes inattentive towards his studies, he cannot pass the examination. Student life is the most precious period of human life. Every moment of student life is very important to strengthen the base thereby basic concept. If a single moment of student life is neglected, thereby wasted callously, then thousand moments of future hardly can compensate that acquired deficiency. Man cannot realise that wrongs at that tender period of life. Man realises it later on when he reaches the autumn of life. At that belated period of life nothing can be done except mourning. Misfortune dogs him wherever he goes. He suffers vary painfully till he breathes his last.

A novice batsman tries to hit all the balls and becomes out soon callously. In contrast, a good player knows which ball is to play. But a great player knows which one is not to play. This is the outcome of experience of greatness. Only an experienced player can decide so swiftly and judiciously through reflex. Through experience a good player achieves greatness. They say where goodness ends greatness begins.

Further**,** a good player sees the bowler. A great player sees the ball. All the balls of a good bowler may not be good, since man is not machine. But a bad bowler may deliver a destructive ball suddenly. As such a great player gives attention to the ball only. The paradox is that a novice bowler may deliver a good ball. If the bowler is unknown then it may cause heart throb of a novice batsman. Here unknown surpasses all other attributes giving birth to phobia. But a great batsman never is afraid of any bowler since he pays his attention to the ball seldom to bowler.

A batsman has to strike the ball not the bowler. He must notice carefully the movement of bowler to guess the direction and movement of the ball thus delivered. But his sole attention will be upon the ball only. The bowler may befool the batsman through obscure gestures and postures before delivery of the ball. Here between the two the better intellect wins the game ultimately.

Attention differs with profession. Student means study. Business means profit. Player means practice. Employee means serve. Scientist means research. Retired means nostalgia. Honeymoon means romance. Marry means family. Festival means enjoy. Death means mourn.

Further, attention changes as man grows older. Someone becomes pious at old age. Someone is a devotee of God from childhood. Here attention of family and society is very important.

A versatile genius can show his talent in different fields. The learned contends that there is no basic difference between science and arts. All are emitting from a single source which is called knowledge. He speaks on a subject right now. In the very next moment, he can talk on another subject confidently with authoritative voice. In both the cases he shows his expertise. In each case he pays his highest attention during its tenure which is the key weapon to attain such authority. Rome was not built in a day. Similar is the case of being an authority.

Extempore speech may be on any subject. The topic may be on anything between heaven and earth.

Only a knowledgeable person whose spectrum of knowledge is wide and deep simultaneously can only speak fluently that manifests his spark of knowledge.

Both versatile and extempore are identical in nature. Both are widely read. But extempore person possesses presence of mind which the versatile genius may not have. He has gift of the gab. It is a special gift extempore person gets by birth. Regular practice sharpens it to use it effectively thereby can conquer both head and heart of any person and audience in general.

Thus, all extempore are versatile but all versatile may not be extempore.

A child needs attention for its full blooming. Over attention causes dependence. This dependence is a hindrance to grow up properly. In future the grown-up person cannot think or do anything independently. He becomes a liability. He is identified as a living luggage. Nobody loves him. Nobody laughs for him. Rather everybody laughs at him. Thus, over attention is detrimental than no attention at all. In such a case optimum attention is the best one for the normal development of a child. But the over attentive parents cannot distinguish between normal and abnormal attention,

A student needs guidance. Here the guide should motivate to build his career. He should ignite the imagination already in man. A student can only shine if he learns through self-teaching. It is the best methodology among all methodologies in teaching and learning world. Self-teaching constructs the base. Such a student with strong foundation becomes a true scholar.

Man must be ambitious. He must follow the avenue to prosper thereby realise his ambition. But moral values are the greatest of all. As such the society must be attentive and vigilant as well so that every child learns the ethics from the very beginning of life. Today's child is tomorrow's citizen who will build the nation. A man without values is more dangerous than a ferocious beast even. He is like a ship without radar. Then such a ship and such a person can never reach their respective destinations. They are so cursed.

A criminal is caught through attention. If the criminal suspects that he is attended for arrest then he becomes cautious and escapes to save from imminent danger. Similar is the case a hunter experiences during hunting. If the prey is a ferocious or a cannibal one then the hunter will be the prey of the beast instead.

If someone gives attention to someone from near and far the target person can realise it through sixth sense. The peculiar matter is that the target person looks at the enchanted soul after some time of gazing. Attention reaches its goal through eye contact. Views are exchanged as desired. Thus, the circle is complete. They say the language of eye is deeper and appealing as well than speaking. Where word ends silence begins its operation. This is the outcome of attention.

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If the person gets reciprocation through beckon or winkle, he proceeds to be intimate. Or if the person is ignored or observes red eyes through frown of displeasure, he stops this exchange forthwith. In such a case a dare devil lover tries repeatedly to convince the target. Sometimes he wins. Sometimes he fails successfully. In case of failure the thirsty soul focuses his attention in search of another one. These are the unsaid romantic moments of human life man learns from attention.

Someone uses attention for rectification of wrongs of a novice entrepreneur. He believes in correctability of human being. He is an optimist. He practises constructive criticism. As such he identifies the mistakes and guides sympathetically and encourages a novice practitioner to move forward cautiously so that mistakes recur not further.

An evil soul, in contrast, misuses attention intentionally to find fault with others. His sole intention is to jeopardise the effort. He criticises mercilessly. He is a destructive critic. Due to fault prayer is not granted. He likes harassment. He enjoys sadistic pleasure. He is pessimist.

Thus, both the critics are diagonally opposite in philosophy regarding their thinking towards their lives.

## CONCLUSION

Attention causes tension. An interviewee experiences it. A newly-married bride faces it. A lover enjoys it. To an unemployed youth attention of interviewers collectively causes serious heart throb. The frustrated heart awaits the decision of attention. It is a matter of life and death to the hungry stomach. A newly-married bride, in the patriarchal society, feels uneasy when she reaches the door of in laws house and faces many inquisitive eyes. Marriage is a matter of pure luck. Sometime luck favours. Sometime it favours not. Both the lovers expect certainty instead of uncertainty regarding permanent bondage. They start their journey from love at first sight. Through attention both the thirsty hearts expect sanction which is to frankly mention to each other to disclose the outcome of romantic attention.

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